

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—2) **Page S256**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S302.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ed Schafer, of North Dakota, to be Secretary of Agriculture, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Conrad and Dorgan, and Representative Pomeroy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Congressional Budget Office budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2008 to 2018, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

### MINING LAW OF 1872 REFORM

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine ways to reform the Mining Law of 1872, after receiving testimony from Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, and Deborah Gibbs Tschudy, Deputy Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management, Minerals Management Service, both of the Department of the Interior; Mayor Alan Bernholtz, Crested Butte, Colorado; William E. Cobb, Freeport McMoran Mining Company, Phoenix, Arizona, on behalf of the National Mining Association; Randy Wanamaker, BBC Human Resource Development Corporation, Juneau, Alaska; Michael P. Dombeck, University of Wisconsin College of Natural Resources, Stevens Point, on behalf of Trout Unlimited, and sundry organizations; James F. Cress, Holme Roberts and Owen LLP, Denver, Colorado; Ryan Alexander, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, D.C.; and James M. Otto, Boulder, Colorado.

### CALIFORNIA WAVIER

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to deny a wavier to the state of California, after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Adminis-

trator, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, Annapolis; Vermont Governor James Douglas, Montpelier; Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, Harrisburg; Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, Lansing; Douglas Haaland, Assembly Republican Caucus, Sacramento, California; David Doniger, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), New York, New York; and Jeffrey R. Holmstead, Bracewell and Giuliani, Washington, D.C.

### STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S ECONOMY

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings to examine legislative options aimed at stimulus relating to strengthening America's economy, after receiving testimony from Martin Feldstein, Harvard University Department of Economics, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Jason Furman, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

### CLIMATE TREATY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine international climate change negotiation, focusing on Bali and the path toward a post-2012 climate treaty, after receiving testimony from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President; James R. Lyons, Oxfam America, Glenn T. Prickett, Conservation International, and John J. Castellani, Business Roundtable, all of Washington, D.C.; and Elliot Diringer, Pew Center on Global Climate Change, Arlington, Virginia.

### NORTH KOREA UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the United Nations Development Program in North Korea, including management reform efforts at the United Nations (UN) Secretariat since 2006, oversight and accountability in selected UN organizations, and UN and other international organization activities in Burma, after receiving testimony from Zalmay Khalilzad, Ambassador to the United Nations, and Mark D. Wallace, Ambassador for United Nations Management and Reform, both of the Department of State; Thomas Melito, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; and Frederick Tipson, Washington, D.C., and David Lockwood, David Morrison, and Robert Benson, all of New York, New York, all of the United Nations.

### CONTRACTING IN HOSTILE ZONES

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services,

and International Security concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia to examine management and oversight of contingency contracting in hostile zones, after receiving testimony from Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction, William M. Solis, Director, Carole F. Coffey, Assistant Director, both of the Defense Capabilities and Management Team, Government Accountability Office; P. Jackson Bell, Deputy Under Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, and General David M. Maddox, USA (Ret.), Member, Commission on Army Acquisition and Program, Management in Expeditionary Operations, both of the Department of Defense; John E. Herbst, Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, and William H. Moser, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Logistics Management, both of the Department of State; James R. Kunder, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development; First Sergeant Perry Jefferies, USA (Ret.), Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Waco, Texas; and Dina L. Rasor and Robert H. Bauman, both of San Jose, California.

#### FAIR PAY RESTORATION ACT

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1843, to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to clarify that an unlawful practice occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, after receiving testimony from Margot Dorfman, United States Women's Chamber of Commerce, and Eric Dreiband, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, both of Washington, D.C.; Samuel R. Bagenstos, Washington University in Saint Louis School of Law, Saint Louis, Missouri; and Lilly Ledbetter, Jacksonville, Alabama.

#### VETERANS DISABILITY COMPENSATION

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the report of the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission, focusing on veterans disability compensation, after receiving testimony from Todd Bowers, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; Gerald T. Manar, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.; and Steve Smithson, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 279.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.